**Lincoln’s Suspension of Habeas Corpus**

**Task**: Collect information from the sources below and craft a claim that addresses the below prompt.

***Focus***: Was Lincoln justified in his curtailment of civil liberties during the Civil war?

**Civil War Atmosphere:**

Use the documents titled “***Abraham Lincoln Papers at the Library of Congress”*** and the ***“Problems in Maryland Document Packet”***

1. Take notes on the atmosphere leading to Lincoln’s suspension of habeas corpus.

Did the atmosphere in Maryland justify Lincoln’s response of the suspension of habeas corpus? Why? Highlight specific quotes in various Maryland primary sources for evidence.

**Read packet titled *Abraham Lincoln and Habeas Corpus***

Merryman:

Provide a description of the events of the Merryman case.

What was the decision of the Supreme Court in the Merryman case?

Milligan:

Provide a description of the events of the Milligan case.

What was the decision of the Supreme Court in the Milligan case?

**Read the document titled “Opinion of Chief Justice Taney”**

How does Justice Taney rule?

What does Taney cite as the only power that is granted to the President in the Constitution?

**Read Lincoln’s Response to Congress’**

What rationale does Lincoln provide as to why he felt justified in suspending the privilege of habeas corpus?

What does Lincoln cite in the Constitution that provides him with the legal justification to carry out the action.